

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 1-7, 15, 20, 27, and 28 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of managing resources of a multi-user software application deployed in a client-server system using a resource management program operative on a client computer, the method comprising:

(a) generating a request to change the software application in response to a change in user preference;

(b) transmitting to the server system from a client computer the request to change the software application;

(c) receiving into the client computer, from the server system, a preference parameter associated with a group of resources needed to accommodate the request;

(d) determining whether the needed group of resources is stored locally on the client computer using the preference parameter; and

(e) retrieving the needed group of resources from the server system if the needed group of resources is not stored locally on the client computer.

2. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

(f) passing the needed group of resources to the software application so as to enable the application to access the group of resources.

3. (Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein step (f) comprises:

calling a function exposed by the software application; and

passing the needed group of resources to the software application as an argument.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

(g) generating a user interface on the client computer.

5. (Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein step (g) comprises:

linking to the group of resources;

loading text strings and image data into memory of the client computer; and

producing a user interface using the text strings and image data.

6. (Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

(f) storing the needed group of resources in a memory space of the client computer; and

(g) passing the needed group of resources to the software application so as to enable the application to access the group of resources.

7. (Amended) The method of claim 6, further comprising:

(h) generating a user interface on the client computer.

15. (Amended) A computer system operative with a software implemented resource manager for customizing a user interface of a software application; the computer system comprising:

a communication link with a server system; and

a processor operative with the software implemented resource manager to:

receive from said server system a preference parameter associated with a needed group of resources for customizing the user interface of the software application according to a change of user preference;

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determine upon receipt of the preference parameter whether the needed group of resources associated with the preference parameter is stored on the computer system;

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retrieve the needed group of resources associated with the preference parameter from the server system if the needed group of resources is not stored locally on the client computer so that the software application is enabled to generate a user interface of the software application using the needed group of resources.

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20. (Amended) A client-server system for permitting the internationalization of a software application, the client-server system comprising:

a server system having stored thereon a plurality of groups of resources, each of the plurality of groups associated with a preference parameter, wherein the server system maintains a user profile database for storing a language preference for a plurality of users; and

a client computer interconnected to the server system through a network, the client computer having operative therein the software application and a software implemented resource manager; and

wherein in response to either a selected change in language preference of a first user or in response to a second user with a language preference different from the first user's language preference logging in to use the software application on the client computer, the server system transmits the preference parameter associated with the group of resources corresponding to the change in language preference to the client computer, such that the software implemented resource manager on the client computer can determine whether the group of resources associated with the preference parameter are stored locally on the client computer.

27. (Amended) A method of increasing the desirability of a user accessible web site using a browser application and a client computer, the method comprising:
- (a) maintaining a user profile database on a server system for serving the web site to the browser application, the user profile database including at least one customizable option for customizing a browser interface of the browser application;
  - (b) permitting the user to change the customizable option;
  - (c) transmitting to the client computer the resources required by the browser application to generate the customized browser interface; and
  - (d) generating a browser interface on the client computer in response to the change in the customizable option without the need to restart the browser application.
28. (Amended) The method of claim 27, wherein step (d) comprises:
- communicating from the server system to the client computer a unique identifier associated with a group of resources needed to accommodate the change in the customizable option;
  - determining whether the group of resources associated with the unique identifier is stored locally on the client computer;
  - retrieving the group of resources associated with the unique identifier from the server system if the group of resources is not stored locally on the client computer; and
  - passing the group of resources to the browser application so as to enable the browser application to access the group of resources.

Please add new independent claim 49, as follows:

Rule 1.1/2/1-1C1  
50-49. (New) An Internet browser toolbar displayed as part of an Internet browser interface; the browser comprising:

a graphical interface displayable as part of an Internet browser interface,  
the graphical interface being generated through operation of a software

application;

the software application utilizing a first group of resources to generate the graphical interface according to a user preference; and

a software implemented resource manager operative with the software application to retrieve and make available to the software application a second group of resources in response to a software implemented resource manager change in the user preference, and wherein the second group of resources is retrieved from a remote server system if the software implemented resource manager determines that the second group of resources are not locally stored.--